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I rec[d]. a very kind and friendly letter some time past, from Cousin Thomas C. Kelly, which I ought long since to have answered, but assure him that my not doing so, does not proceed, from any want of respect, that he has my best wishes for his future prosperity and happiness, and that I shall always be happy to see or hear from him, and to see and hear of his welfare and happiness. His worthy mother and family were all well three days ago and are very anxious to see him.

M[rs]. Kelly and the children, unite in affectionate remembrance to you and family and all enquiring friends, particularly your son James and Cousin George P. Kelly and their respective families, while I remain

Dear brother,

Yours unchangeably,

Alexander D. Kelly.

P. S. Don't fail paying us a visit this fall.

A. D. K.

LETTERS* OF HON. STEVENS THOMSON MASON.

To his Father, John T. Mason.

(Extracts.)

New York, January 31, 1842: Moneyed affairs here seem to grow worse and worse. Everyone seems to be complaining; and the anticipated non-payment of interest due on to-morrow by Pennsylvania is looked upon as the last blow to State credits here and in Europe. M[r]. Phelps who had postponed the dissolution of the Union, and the bankruptcy of the entire nation, for a few years, now considers those two evils, as on the eve of consummation, particularly as Congress has refused to repeal the bankrupt law.

July 16, 1842: No improvement as yet seems to take place in money matters or business affairs here. In fact every day

* Communicated by Kate Mason Rowland.

but exhibits a more gloomy state of things. Unless some change takes place soon, there is no telling where it is to end. I have often heard it asserted and believe with truth, that not one man in the city of New York was now meeting his expenditures by the *actual receipts of the business* he may be engaged in. This is a bold position; but were you to see the perfect lethargy which extends over every department of trade you might readily credit it. The lawyers are not exempt from the general distress. In the midst of all these troubles, which afflict (we the people), we find the Congress of the United States engaged in the patriotic design of bringing upon the country additional ruin, in their villainous warfare against the President. The mischief, however, will return to plague the inventors, for I think the sequel is very certain to be the utter annihilation of Mr. Clay. Tyler is every day gaining strength with the people of all parties, and I begin to think he will be indebted to his enemies for a re-election to the Presidency.

AMELIA COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS.

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December 31, 1783—Sadler, James & Matilda Hurt. (d. of William.)
December 27, 1789—Sadler, Samuel & Mary Hurt. (d. of William.)
July 5, 1791—Sadler, X Robert & Rachel Hubbard.
May, 1809—Sadler, John & Nancy Hubbard.
August, 1817—Sadler, Wm. B., & Kate E. Morris.
June, 1820—Sadler, Wm. B. & Martha H. Warriner. (d. of William.)
November 25, 1824—Sadler, John W. & Lucy P. Hall.
December, 1825—Sadler, John W. & Elizb. Hurt. (d. of H. Murray.)
December, 1825—Sadler, James & Frances A. Clay.